

n MK 19 machine gun that won't feed is a gun that won't fire. And too many MK 19s are having feeding problems because their feed slide is out of adjustment. But, armorers, a little adjustment with PM can keep your MK 19s feeding happily.

First, check that the feed slide assembly works by doing the function test on Page 2-21 of TM 9-1010-230-23&P. If the feed slide doesn't pass the

If primary pawl doesn't move up, slide needs to be adjusted

test, turn the MK 19 into support for slide adjustment.

If the feed slide passes, it's time to check the vertical cam for nicks, pits, burrs, or carbon build-up from firing. If you can't remove nicks and burrs with crocus cloth and bring the cam surface to a mirror finish, replace the vertical cam.



But even if the feed slide and vertical cam are in great shape, you'll still have feeding problems if your gunners aren't doing the PMCS and lubing spelled out in TM 9-1010-230-10. Make sure they do.